

# The Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple

February 2, 2025

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

### Processional Hymn

### Hymnal 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph over shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;  
as they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley Music: *Ratisbon*, *adapt.* and harm. William Henry Havergal

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### O Gracious Light (*Phos Hilaron*)

### Hymnal 25

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone,  
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you his only Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
Wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

Words Greek 3<sup>rd</sup> cent. Tr. F. Bland Tucker Music, *The English Tune*, Thomas Tallis

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## The Old Testament Lesson

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*A Reading from the Book of Malachi*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
    My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
    my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
    by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
    they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
    whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
    for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 257

*(to the tune of 680)*

O Zion, open wide thy gates, let symbols disappear;  
a priest and victim, both in one, the Truth himself, is here.

Aware of hidden deity, the lowly Virgin brings  
her newborn babe, with two young doves, her humble offerings.

The aged Simeon sees at last his Lord, so long desired,  
and Anna welcomes Israel's hope, with holy rapture fired.

But silent knelt the mother blest of the yet silent Word,  
and pondering all things in her heart, with speechless praise adored.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil, tr. Edward Caswall  
Music: St. Anne, William Croft, harm. William Henry Monk

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord", and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

Happy are the ones who put their trust in God! Presenting our prayers and our hearts  
to God, let us pray. “Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.”

Fill the members of your Church, O God, with a longing and desire for your presence.  
Fill us with joy as we approach your altar. Sustain us as we go forth in the name of Christ

Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer;  
*People: Harken, O God of Jacob.*

Bless those, O God, who walk with integrity. Give them the strength to stand for truth in an age of deception and spin.

Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer;  
*People: Harken, O God of Jacob.*

Almighty God, spring forth new life in desolate places. Restore the beauty and health of your creation.

Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer;  
*People: Harken, O God of Jacob.*

O Lord, you are both sun and shield. On this nation shed your light that we might see our best future. Protect us from the forces of violence and hatred that threaten to undermine the future you want for us.

Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer;  
*People: Harken, O God of Jacob.*

Merciful and faithful God, we present to you our brothers and sisters who are now in pain and sorrow. We trust them to your mercy, asking that you would heal them.

Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer;  
*People: Harken, O God of Jacob.*

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus to share our human nature, to share our flesh and blood, to share even our suffering and death. We pray for those who suffer and die in the service of others. Grant them everlasting peace.

Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer;  
*People: Harken, O God of Jacob.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*                    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                        And also with you.

## **Announcements**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

## **Offertory Hymn**

Hymnal 259

Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple gate;  
not with his angel host, not in his kingly state;  
no shouts proclaim him nigh, no crowds his coming wait;

but, borne upon the throne of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her duteous love, in her fond arms at rest,  
thus to his Father's house he comes, the heavenly guest.

There Joseph at her side in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy, old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised child, the glory of all lands.

O Light of all the earth, thy children wait for thee!  
Come to thy temples here, that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face may all presented be!

Words: John Ellerton

Music: *Old 120<sup>th</sup>*, adapter Ralph Vaughan Williams, harm. Richard Allison & Thomas Ravenscroft

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.



In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

## Communion Hymn (*Nunc Dimittis*)

Hymnal 499

Lord God, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as promised in your word;  
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,  
prepared by you for all the world to see,  
To shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
the glory of your people and their light.

Words: Rae E. Whitney (para. The Song of Simeon) Music: *Song 1*, Comp. Orlando Gibbons, harm, Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People together say*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Epiphany Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light in the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen

## Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel. tr. Catherine Winkworth  
Music: *Truro*, Lowell Mason

## The Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

## Notes and Announcements

### February 2, 2025

#### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for The Rev. Richard A.D. Benedict ...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Shut-Ins and those in Care Facilities...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenney, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Jamie Razo 02/02; Matthew McMullen 02/07...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Joseph, Julia, Olivia, Lisa, Amanda, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, McKensie, Margie, David R, Bill, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C, Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Carol, Michael, Douglas, Lois M, Christine, Al, Barbara, Maureen, Anna, Ella, Erin, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Frank D., Jessica.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of S.R. (Jimmie) and Joan James given by Toni Gutwein.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE - Please let us know if your loved one, friend, or co-worker should be taken off the list due to their improvement through the power of prayer.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS!

- TODAY - Sunday School and Youth Fellowship at 4:00 p.m.
- Next Saturday, February 8 - Diocesan Acolyte Festival in Trenton
- Next Sunday, February 9 - Knitters and Crocheters will meet during or after coffee hour in the parish hall. (see information below)

ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS will now be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** meets the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Activities include a children's chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

**UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM** - Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

**ONLINE GIVING-** To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.